



WHEREAS, emergency medical services (EMS) embody the true concept of teamwork by recognizing the interdependent relationship among trauma centers; EMS system hospitals; ambulance providers; emergency and trauma physicians; emergency nurses; basic, intermediate, and paramedic emergency medical technicians (EMTs); field nurses; emergency communication nurses; trauma nurse specialists; emergency medical dispatchers; and first responders who are dedicated to saving lives; and,

WHEREAS, in Illinois there are 63 EMS resource hospitals and 67 trauma centers; 7,894 first responder defibrillators; 20,469 basic EMTs, 605 intermediate EMTs, 15,768 paramedic EMTs; 4,959 emergency communications registered nurses; 2,702 trauma nurse specialists; 409 pre-hospital registered nurses; and 2,892 emergency medical dispatchers selflessly providing 24-hour service to the people of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, this year's national theme, "EMS Strong: Always in Service", underscores the immediate nature of the situations to which EMS personnel must respond;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 21-27, 2017, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** in Illinois and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this THIRTEENTH *day of* APRIL *, in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
SEVENTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois,*
one hundred and NINETY-NINTH *.*

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR